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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Emily Thierfelder, 22, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty Friday in U.S. District Court in Madison to obstructing correspondence.

Thierfelder was employed at UW-Eau Claire in Sutherland Hall during the school year, from September 2003 until March 2005. She admitted that for approximately two semesters, she stole mail that was to be delivered to UWEC students.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for June 23, 2006. Thierfelder faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a three-year period of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment and the entry of an appropriate restitution order.

The charges against Thierfelder were the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Service and the UW-Eau Claire Police. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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